exorbitant rates with any trade motive as such. I feel the efforts taken by us have brought good results, and the prices are fairly under control, as far as our State is concerned.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Are the Government aware that these controls are responsible for blackmarket and increase in prices and that people are unable to get their regular requirements daily and at reasonable prices?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : If the hon. Member will just remember what happened before we stepped in, he will agree that our stepping in has brought down the prices to a great extent to the consumer.

Procurement of Kuruvai rice

* 156 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of Kuruvai rice procured during the year 1964;

(*b*) the total expenditure on the above procurement;

(*c*) the price at which the rice procured by the Government is being sold in wholesale and retail;

(*d*) the price at which it is being sold at Madras; and

(*e*) whether the sale price differs from place to place?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) One lakh ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and sixty (1,99,760) tonnes.

(b) Rupees one crore nine lakhs one thousand five hundred and seventy-three and fifty-eight Paise only (Rs. 1,09,01,573.58 Paise).

(*c*) The price varies from place to place as it takes into account transport charges also.

(*d*) The wholesale issue price of one quintal of kuruvai rice is Rs. 70.59 plus sales tax and the retail issue price is 73 Paise plus sales tax per kilogram; and

(*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : This kuruvai rice was practically exported outside this State before controls were imposed. Usually we used to get enough samba paddy and rice for our State. But the price of this kuruvai rice was exorbitant on account of the pool price and Government interference. What is the procurement price and what is the pool price for this kuruvai rice?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The hon. Member is requested to recall the situation that prevailed in 1964. If the Government allowed free trade, then the hon. Member himself would have known what would have happened in the State. It is the Government stepping in and distributing foodgrains to the people that saved the situation. I am sure that the Government did not create a situation wherein the prices had to shoot up and cause difficulty.

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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : So far as procurement for the coming years is concerned, may I know who is going to procure? Is it the State Trading Corporation or the Government themselves?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The present arrangement will continue.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Sir, is it not a fact that the Government by introducing control have created the pool price and the purchase price? The difference between the purchase price and the pool price is Rs. 5 for kuruvai and Rs. 7 for samba and this difference in price is being pocketed by the Government. What is the reason for this?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The Government do not pocket. Regarding the pool price, the hon. Member may put a separate question.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What is the price at which this kuruvai rice was sold to Kerala Government?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A separate question may be put.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, what happened to the two-lakh tons of kuruvai rice? Have they been distributed or any stock left over in the godowns?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : They have all been consumed and digested.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, நெல் கொள்முதல் செய்ததும் அதை அரிசியாக மாற்றுவதற்காக வியாபாரிகளிடம் கொடுத்து திரும்ப அதை மக்களுக்கு விநியோகிக்கும்போதுதான் இந்த விலை வித்தியாசம் ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகையால் நெல்லாகவே ஒதுக்கிவிட்டால் யார் ஒதுக்கிக்கொள்கிறார்கள் என்ற பிரச்னைக்கே இடமில்லை. ஆகையால் நெல்லாகவே கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ?

கனம் திரு. வி. ராமய்யா : இப்போதிருக்கிற அமைப்புப்படி பல வியாபாரிகளைக் கொண்டு இதை வாங்கும்படி செய்கிறோம். அதற்குப்பிறகு அவர்கள் அரிசியாக செய்துகொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று சொல்கிறோம். விசேஷமாக அதில் வித்தியாசம் இருப்பதாகக் கன்னியாகுமரியிலிருந்து வருகிறவர்கள் சொல்கிறார்கள். அதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்து பார்த்து நிலைமையை உணர்ந்துதான் இந்த முடிவு எடுத்திருக்கிறோம். சிறிய பிரச்னை அல்ல இது. பல லட்சம் டன் நெல்லை அரிசியாக பக்குவப்படுத்தி விநியோகம் செய்யவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. தீர்க்கமாக பரிசீலனை செய்து முடிவு எடுத்திருக்கிறோம்.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Sir, is it fair and correct to charge nearly Rs. 4 to 5 per quintal for kuruvai rice and Rs. 7 to Rs. 8 for samba rice as the margin—the difference between the

purchase price and the selling price? Is it not more or less charging exorbitant price to the consumer?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The increase is publicised and the cause for the increase is also publicised. The difference is bound to be there. But, in spite of it, the recent experience of our handling the foodgrains for the past one year, I am confident, has not created any problem to the consumer. The hon. Member Mr. Natarajan was afraid a few months back as to what would be the position in November and December this year. Now he is comfortable and happy that November and December will pass off without any serious problem.

Left bank channel of Neyyar

* 157 Q.—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the estimated cost of construction of the left bank channel of Neyyar;

(b) the expenditure actually incurred on completion of the channel work; and

(c) the reason, if any, for the difference between the original estimate and the actual expenditure?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) to (c) A paper [a] is placed on the table of the House.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்த நெய்யாறு இடதுகரைக் கால்வாய் மூலமாக பயிரிடப்படும் நிலங்கள் எவ்வளவு?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The information is not with me.

Medical College admissions

* 158 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any reports from the public amount the procedure followed for the admission into Medical Colleges in the State during the current academic year?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Health) : Yes.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, what action have the Government taken with regard to it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have received these representations. When the next selection takes place, they will frame sufficiently proper rules for it.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Do the Government agree, Sir, with all the accusations made in the representation? If so, what are the accusations that are agreed to?

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